



## Honorable Gerald E. Rouse

### Judgeship

1971 – present

**Judge of the County Court, 5th Judicial District**

*(Boone, Butler, Colfax, Hamilton, Merrick, Nance, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, & York)*

### Experience

1971

**Platte County Attorney's Office, deputy attorney** Columbus, Ne

1969 – 1970

**Private practice of law, law clerk**

Columbus, NE

### Education

**University of Nebraska College of Law, 1971**

Juris Doctorate

**Hastings College, 1967**

Bachelor of Arts –

Business Administration

English, minor

### Judicial/Law Related Activities

#### Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

National Council of Juvenile & family Court Judges, 1988 – 2001

Trustee (1988)

Secretary (1994)

Treasurer, Vice-President, President-Elect

#### Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

2005 – present

Member, Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts 2006

Chairperson, sub-Committee for Children's Summit 2006

Lead Judge, 5<sup>th</sup> district, Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative

#### Nebraska County Judges Association

President, 1995 – 1996

Former Chairperson, Juvenile Services Committee

### Community Activities

Co-Founder/Volunteer, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Columbus, NE, 1971

Former President, 1974

Former President, Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association, 1989 - 1990

## **Honors and Awards**

### **2005 Nebraska State Bar Foundation Lifetime Fellow**

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow selection is based on the integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to charitable works and community education. Membership recognizes established legal professionals dedicated to improving the administration of justice.

**George H. Turner Award**, by the Nebraska State Bar Association, 1990  
**Commissioner's Award**, Department of Health and Human Services  
Administration for Children and Families, 1991

**State Foster Care Review Awards**, 1995, 1999, 2008

**Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Awards**, 1996 & 1997

## **Teaching & Publishing**

Presenter, State Bar meetings and local Training for GALs and CASA  
National presenter at several conferences for the National Council of  
Juvenile and Family Court Judges

National Presenter at conferences for CHADD Association and on their  
Professional Advisory Board, 1999 – 2002

Co-author, "Addressing Invisible Barriers: EDJJ, On of a series of seven  
monographs dealing with youth with special needs in the Juvenile  
Justice System," 2002

Co-author, "Respond to ADHA Youth in the Juvenile Justice System,"  
Juvenile and Family Court Journal (winter 1999)

Co-author, "Legislation Brings Major Changes in Juvenile Law," The  
Nebraska Lawyer (December 1998)

Author, "ADD and the Juvenile Justice System," ATTENTION! The  
Magazine of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders  
(1997)

Author, "Attorney/Guardian Ad Litem: Ah, There's the Rub," Prairie  
Barrister (1990)

Author, "Nickel, Nickel, Who's got the Nickel?" Voices for Children in  
Nebraska (October 1986)